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# SENATE BILL No. 196

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-1; IC 25-22.3.

**Synopsis:** Genetic counselor licensure. Requires the licensure of genetic counselors. Establishes the genetic counselors licensing board.

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## SENATE BILL No. 196

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-2-2.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.87-2005,
- 2 SECTION 31, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 2.1. Rather than being issued annually, the
- 4 following permits, licenses, certificates of registration, or evidences of
- 5 authority granted by a state agency must be issued for a period of two
- 6 (2) years or for the period specified in the article under which the
- 7 permit, license, certificate of registration, or evidence of authority is
- 8 issued if the period specified in the article is longer than two (2) years:
- 9 (1) Certified public accountants, public accountants, and
- 10 accounting practitioners.
- 11 (2) Architects and landscape architects.
- 12 (3) Dry cleaners.
- 13 (4) Professional engineers.
- 14 (5) Land surveyors.
- 15 (6) Real estate brokers.
- 16 (7) Real estate agents.
- 17 (8) Security dealers' licenses issued by the securities



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commissioner.  
 (9) Dental hygienists.  
 (10) Dentists.  
 (11) Veterinarians.  
 (12) Physicians.  
 (13) Chiropractors.  
 (14) Physical therapists.  
 (15) Optometrists.  
 (16) Pharmacists and assistants, drugstores or pharmacies.  
 (17) Motels and mobile home community licenses.  
 (18) Nurses.  
 (19) Podiatrists.  
 (20) Occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.  
 (21) Respiratory care practitioners.  
 (22) Social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors.  
 (23) Real estate appraiser licenses and certificates issued by the real estate appraiser licensure and certification board.  
 (24) Wholesale legend drug distributors.  
 (25) Physician assistants.  
 (26) Dietitians.  
 (27) Hypnotists.  
 (28) Athlete agents.  
 (29) Manufactured home installers.  
 (30) Home inspectors.

**(31) Genetic counselors.**

SECTION 2. IC 25-1-2-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 6. (a) As used in this section, "license" includes all occupational and professional licenses, registrations, permits, and certificates issued under the Indiana Code, and "licensee" includes all occupational and professional licensees, registrants, permittees, and certificate holders regulated under the Indiana Code.

(b) This section applies to the following entities that regulate occupations or professions under the Indiana Code:

- (1) Indiana board of accountancy.
- (2) Indiana grain buyers and warehouse licensing agency.
- (3) Indiana auctioneer commission.
- (4) Board of registration for architects and landscape architects.
- (5) State board of barber examiners.
- (6) State board of cosmetology examiners.
- (7) Medical licensing board of Indiana.

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- (8) Secretary of state.
- (9) State board of dentistry.
- (10) State board of funeral and cemetery service.
- (11) Worker's compensation board of Indiana.
- (12) Indiana state board of health facility administrators.
- (13) Committee of hearing aid dealer examiners.
- (14) Indiana state board of nursing.
- (15) Indiana optometry board.
- (16) Indiana board of pharmacy.
- (17) Indiana plumbing commission.
- (18) Board of podiatric medicine.
- (19) Private detectives licensing board.
- (20) State board of registration for professional engineers.
- (21) Board of environmental health specialists.
- (22) State psychology board.
- (23) Indiana real estate commission.
- (24) Speech-language pathology and audiology board.
- (25) Department of natural resources.
- (26) State boxing commission.
- (27) Board of chiropractic examiners.
- (28) Mining board.
- (29) Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners.
- (30) State department of health.
- (31) Indiana physical therapy committee.
- (32) Respiratory care committee.
- (33) Occupational therapy committee.
- (34) Social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board.
- (35) Real estate appraiser licensure and certification board.
- (36) State board of registration for land surveyors.
- (37) Physician assistant committee.
- (38) Indiana dietitians certification board.
- (39) Indiana hypnotist committee.
- (40) Attorney general (only for the regulation of athlete agents).
- (41) Manufactured home installer licensing board.
- (42) Home inspectors licensing board.
- (43) Genetic counselors licensing board.**
- ~~(43)~~ **(44)** Any other occupational or professional agency created after June 30, 1981.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the entities included in subsection (b) shall send a notice of the upcoming expiration of a license to each licensee at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration

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of the license. The notice must inform the licensee of the need to renew and the requirement of payment of the renewal fee. If this notice of expiration is not sent by the entity, the licensee is not subject to a sanction for failure to renew if, once notice is received from the entity, the license is renewed within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the notice.

SECTION 3. IC 25-1-6-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.206-2005, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 3. (a) The licensing agency shall perform all administrative functions, duties, and responsibilities assigned by law or rule to the executive director, secretary, or other statutory administrator of the following:

- (1) Indiana board of accountancy (IC 25-2.1-2-1).
- (2) Board of registration for architects and landscape architects (IC 25-4-1-2).
- (3) Indiana auctioneer commission (IC 25-6.1-2-1).
- (4) State board of barber examiners (IC 25-7-5-1).
- (5) State boxing commission (IC 25-9-1).
- (6) State board of cosmetology examiners (IC 25-8-3-1).
- (7) State board of funeral and cemetery service (IC 25-15-9).
- (8) State board of registration for professional engineers (IC 25-31-1-3).
- (9) Indiana plumbing commission (IC 25-28.5-1-3).
- (10) Indiana real estate commission (IC 25-34.1).
- (11) Real estate appraiser licensure and certification board (IC 25-34.1-8-1).
- (12) Private detectives licensing board (IC 25-30-1-5.1).
- (13) State board of registration for land surveyors (IC 25-21.5-2-1).
- (14) Manufactured home installer licensing board (IC 25-23.7).
- (15) Home inspectors licensing board (IC 25-20.2-3-1).

**(16) Genetic counselors licensing board (IC 25-22.3-3-1).**

(b) Nothing in this chapter may be construed to give the licensing agency policy making authority, which remains with each board.

SECTION 4. IC 25-1-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter:

"Board" means the appropriate agency listed in the definition of regulated occupation in this section.

"Director" refers to the director of the division of consumer protection.

"Division" refers to the division of consumer protection, office of the attorney general.

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"Licensee" means a person who is:

- (1) licensed, certified, or registered by a board listed in this section; and
- (2) the subject of a complaint filed with the division.

"Person" means an individual, a partnership, a limited liability company, or a corporation.

"Regulated occupation" means an occupation in which a person is licensed, certified, or registered by one (1) of the following:

- (1) Indiana board of accountancy (IC 25-2.1-2-1).
- (2) Board of registration for architects and landscape architects (IC 25-4-1-2).
- (3) Indiana auctioneer commission (IC 25-6.1-2-1).
- (4) State board of barber examiners (IC 25-7-5-1).
- (5) State boxing commission (IC 25-9-1).
- (6) Board of chiropractic examiners (IC 25-10-1).
- (7) State board of cosmetology examiners (IC 25-8-3-1).
- (8) State board of dentistry (IC 25-14-1).
- (9) State board of funeral and cemetery service (IC 25-15-9).
- (10) State board of registration for professional engineers (IC 25-31-1-3).
- (11) Indiana state board of health facility administrators (IC 25-19-1).
- (12) Medical licensing board of Indiana (IC 25-22.5-2).
- (13) Indiana state board of nursing (IC 25-23-1).
- (14) Indiana optometry board (IC 25-24).
- (15) Indiana board of pharmacy (IC 25-26).
- (16) Indiana plumbing commission (IC 25-28.5-1-3).
- (17) Board of podiatric medicine (IC 25-29-2-1).
- (18) Board of environmental health specialists (IC 25-32-1).
- (19) State psychology board (IC 25-33).
- (20) Speech-language pathology and audiology board (IC 25-35.6-2).
- (21) Indiana real estate commission (IC 25-34.1-2).
- (22) Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners (IC 15-5-1.1).
- (23) Department of natural resources for purposes of licensing water well drillers under IC 25-39-3.
- (24) Respiratory care committee (IC 25-34.5).
- (25) Private detectives licensing board (IC 25-30-1-5.1).
- (26) Occupational therapy committee (IC 25-23.5).
- (27) Social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board (IC 25-23.6).
- (28) Real estate appraiser licensure and certification board

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(IC 25-34.1-8).

(29) State board of registration for land surveyors  
(IC 25-21.5-2-1).

(30) Physician assistant committee (IC 25-27.5).

(31) Indiana athletic trainers board (IC 25-5.1-2-1).

(32) Indiana dietitians certification board (IC 25-14.5-2-1).

(33) Indiana hypnotist committee (IC 25-20.5-1-7).

(34) Indiana physical therapy committee (IC 25-27).

(35) Manufactured home installer licensing board (IC 25-23.7).

(36) Home inspectors licensing board (IC 25-20.2-3-1).

**(37) Genetic counselors licensing board (IC 25-22.3-3-1).**

~~(37)~~ **(38)** Any other occupational or professional agency created  
after June 30, 1981.

SECTION 5. IC 25-1-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board"  
means any of the following:

(1) Indiana board of accountancy (IC 25-2.1-2-1).

(2) Board of registration for architects and landscape architects  
(IC 25-4-1-2).

(3) Indiana auctioneer commission (IC 25-6.1-2-1).

(4) State board of barber examiners (IC 25-7-5-1).

(5) State boxing commission (IC 25-9-1).

(6) Board of chiropractic examiners (IC 25-10-1).

(7) State board of cosmetology examiners (IC 25-8-3-1).

(8) State board of dentistry (IC 25-14-1).

(9) State board of funeral and cemetery service (IC 25-15).

(10) State board of registration for professional engineers  
(IC 25-31-1-3).

(11) Indiana state board of health facility administrators  
(IC 25-19-1).

(12) Medical licensing board of Indiana (IC 25-22.5-2).

(13) Mining board (IC 22-10-1.5-2).

(14) Indiana state board of nursing (IC 25-23-1).

(15) Indiana optometry board (IC 25-24).

(16) Indiana board of pharmacy (IC 25-26).

(17) Indiana plumbing commission (IC 25-28.5-1-3).

(18) Board of environmental health specialists (IC 25-32-1).

(19) State psychology board (IC 25-33).

(20) Speech-language pathology and audiology board  
(IC 25-35.6-2).

(21) Indiana real estate commission (IC 25-34.1-2-1).

(22) Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners

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- 1 (IC 15-5-1.1-3).
- 2 (23) Department of insurance (IC 27-1).
- 3 (24) State police department (IC 10-11-2-4), for purposes of
- 4 certifying polygraph examiners under IC 25-30-2.
- 5 (25) Department of natural resources for purposes of licensing
- 6 water well drillers under IC 25-39-3.
- 7 (26) Private detectives licensing board (IC 25-30-1-5.1).
- 8 (27) Occupational therapy committee (IC 25-23.5-2-1).
- 9 (28) Social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental
- 10 health counselor board (IC 25-23.6-2-1).
- 11 (29) Real estate appraiser licensure and certification board
- 12 (IC 25-34.1-8).
- 13 (30) State board of registration for land surveyors
- 14 (IC 25-21.5-2-1).
- 15 (31) Physician assistant committee (IC 25-27.5).
- 16 (32) Indiana athletic trainers board (IC 25-5.1-2-1).
- 17 (33) Board of podiatric medicine (IC 25-29-2-1).
- 18 (34) Indiana dietitians certification board (IC 25-14.5-2-1).
- 19 (35) Indiana physical therapy committee (IC 25-27).
- 20 (36) Manufactured home installer licensing board (IC 25-23.7).
- 21 (37) Home inspectors licensing board (IC 25-20.2-3-1).
- 22 **(38) Genetic counselors licensing board (IC 25-22.3-3-1).**
- 23 ~~(38)~~ **(39)** Any other occupational or professional agency created
- 24 after June 30, 1981.
- 25 SECTION 6. IC 25-1-9-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 26 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "board"
- 27 means any of the following:
- 28 (1) Board of chiropractic examiners (IC 25-10-1).
- 29 (2) State board of dentistry (IC 25-14-1).
- 30 (3) Indiana state board of health facility administrators
- 31 (IC 25-19-1).
- 32 (4) Medical licensing board of Indiana (IC 25-22.5-2).
- 33 (5) Indiana state board of nursing (IC 25-23-1).
- 34 (6) Indiana optometry board (IC 25-24).
- 35 (7) Indiana board of pharmacy (IC 25-26).
- 36 (8) Board of podiatric medicine (IC 25-29-2-1).
- 37 (9) Board of environmental health specialists (IC 25-32).
- 38 (10) Speech-language pathology and audiology board
- 39 (IC 25-35.6-2).
- 40 (11) State psychology board (IC 25-33).
- 41 (12) Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners (IC 15-5-1.1).
- 42 (13) Indiana physical therapy committee (IC 25-27-1).

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- (14) Respiratory care committee (IC 25-34.5).
- (15) Occupational therapy committee (IC 25-23.5).
- (16) Social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board (IC 25-23.6).
- (17) Physician assistant committee (IC 25-27.5).
- (18) Indiana athletic trainers board (IC 25-5.1-2-1).
- (19) Indiana dietitians certification board (IC 25-14.5-2-1).
- (20) Indiana hypnotist committee (IC 25-20.5-1-7).
- (21) Genetic counselors licensing board (IC 25-22.3-3-1).**

SECTION 7. IC 25-22.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]:

### **ARTICLE 22.3. GENETIC COUNSELORS**

#### **Chapter 1. Definitions**

**Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this article.**

**Sec. 2. "Board" refers to the genetic counselors licensing board established by IC 25-22.3-3-1.**

**Sec. 3. "Genetic counseling" means the communication of the following by an individual licensed under this article:**

**(1) Estimating the likelihood of the occurrence or recurrence of a birth defect or a potentially inherited or genetically influenced condition through the following:**

**(A) Obtaining and analyzing the health history of an individual and the individual's family.**

**(B) Reviewing medical records.**

**(C) Evaluating the risks of exposure to possible mutagens or teratogens.**

**(D) Recommending genetic testing or other evaluation to detect fetal abnormalities or determine the carrier status of a family member.**

**(2) Explaining to an individual or a family the following:**

**(A) The medical, psychological, and social implications of a disorder and the usual course of treatment or management.**

**(B) The genetic factors that contribute to the disorder and how the genetic factors affect the chance for recurrence of the condition in other family members.**

**(C) The available options for coping with, preventing, or reducing the chance of occurrence or recurrence of the disorder.**

**(D) The genetic or prenatal tests available for inherited**

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1 disorders and how to interpret complex genetic test results.

2 **Sec. 4. "Genetic counselor" means an individual who is licensed**  
 3 **under this article to provide genetic counseling services.**

4 **Sec. 5. "Genetic supervision" refers to the assessment by:**

5 (1) an individual who is licensed under this article; or

6 (2) a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5;

7 of an individual who has a temporary genetic counselor license.

8 The term includes regular meetings and chart review under a  
 9 supervision contract entered into by both parties.

10 **Chapter 2. Requirements for Licensure as a Genetic Counselor**

11 **Sec. 1. To qualify for licensure as a genetic counselor, an**  
 12 **applicant must:**

13 (1) submit an application on a form developed by the board;

14 (2) pay the licensure fee determined by the board;

15 (3) provide written evidence that the applicant has earned one

16 (1) of the following education degree requirements:

17 (A) A master's degree from a genetic counseling training  
 18 program accredited by the American Board of Genetic  
 19 Counseling or its successor.

20 (B) A doctoral degree from a medical genetics training  
 21 program that is accredited by the American Board of  
 22 Medical Genetics or its successor; and

23 (4) meet the examination requirement for certification as:

24 (A) a genetic counselor by the American Board of Genetic  
 25 Counseling or the American Board of Medical Genetics; or

26 (B) a medical geneticist by the American Board of Medical  
 27 Genetics.

28 **Sec. 2. (a) The board may issue a temporary license to an**  
 29 **applicant who:**

30 (1) meets all the requirements in section 1 of this chapter  
 31 except for the examination for certification requirement in  
 32 section 1(4) of this chapter; and

33 (2) has an active candidate status for the certification.

34 (b) An individual who is practicing under a temporary license  
 35 issued under this section must:

36 (1) be directly supervised by a licensed genetic counselor or a  
 37 physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 under a genetic  
 38 supervision contract; and

39 (2) apply for and take the next available examination for  
 40 certification.

41 (c) An individual who holds a temporary license issued under  
 42 this section and fails the examination for certification described in

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section 1(4) of this chapter for the first time may reapply for a second temporary license. The board may not issue a temporary license to an individual who has failed the examination for certification more than one (1) time.

(d) A temporary license issued under this section expires upon the earliest of the following:

(1) The date the individual meets the requirements of this chapter and is issued a license.

(2) Thirty (30) days after the individual fails the examination for certification described in section 1(4) of this chapter.

(3) The date printed on the temporary license.

(e) An individual who is issued a temporary license under this section shall inform the board of the results of the individual's examination for certification described in section 1(4) of this chapter.

Sec. 3. The following individuals do not need to be licensed under this article:

(1) An individual who is licensed, certified, or registered in another occupation in which genetic counseling occurs. However, the individual may not use the title "genetic counselor" or any other title that indicates that the individual is a genetic counselor unless the individual is licensed under this article.

(2) A student or an intern from an accredited school who is participating in a supervised training program.

(3) An individual from another state who is certified by the American Board of Medical Genetics or the American Board of Genetic Counseling and acting in Indiana on a consultant basis.

Sec. 4. (a) To renew a license under this article, an applicant must complete continuing professional education. The continuing professional education must consist of:

(1) three (3) hours or thirty (30) contact hours that have been approved by the American Board of Genetic Counseling in each year of the two (2) year license cycle; or

(2) the successful completion of a reading assignment and proctored examination in medical genetics by the American Board of Medical Genetics in the two (2) year license cycle.

(b) The applicant for renewal shall certify that the applicant:

(1) has complied with the continuing professional education requirements;

(2) is exempt from the continuing professional education

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requirements; or

(3) has not complied with the continuing professional education requirements but is seeking a waiver under section 5 of this chapter from the board.

**Sec. 5.** The board may grant an applicant for renewal a waiver from all or part of the continuing professional education requirement for the renewal period if the applicant was not able to fulfill the requirement due to a hardship that resulted from any of the following conditions:

(1) Service in the armed forces of the United States during a substantial part of the renewal period.

(2) An incapacitating illness or injury.

(3) Other circumstances determined by the board.

### **Chapter 3. Genetic Counselors Licensing Board**

**Sec. 1.** The genetic counselors licensing board is established. The board shall administer this article.

**Sec. 2.** The board consists of the following five (5) members appointed by the governor:

(1) Three (3) genetic counselors licensed under this article.

(2) One (1) physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who specializes in obstetrics or reproductive endocrinology.

(3) One (1) member who represents the public at large and is not associated with genetic counseling other than as a consumer.

**Sec. 3. (a)** Each board member serves a term of four (4) years.

**(b)** A board member may serve until the member's successor is appointed and qualified under this chapter.

**(c)** A board member may not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

**Sec. 4. (a)** The governor may remove a board member for cause.

**(b)** A vacancy in the membership of the board is filled by appointment by the governor for the unexpired term.

**Sec. 5.** Three (3) members of the board constitute a quorum.

**Sec. 6.** The affirmative votes of a majority of the total membership of the board are required for the board to take action on any matter.

**Sec. 7.** Each year, the board shall elect from its members a chairperson and a secretary.

**Sec. 8. (a)** Each member of the board who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). The member is also entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other

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1 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties  
 2 as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the  
 3 Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget  
 4 agency.

5 (b) Each member of the board who is a state employee is entitled  
 6 to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under  
 7 IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection  
 8 with the member's duties as provided in the state policies and  
 9 procedures established by the Indiana department of  
 10 administration and approved by the budget agency.

11 Sec. 9. The board shall meet:

12 (1) at least one (1) time each calendar year; and

13 (2) at other times when:

14 (A) the chairperson; or

15 (B) a quorum of the board;

16 considers a meeting necessary.

17 Sec. 10. The board shall do the following:

18 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to establish the licensure and  
 19 renewal fees required under this article.

20 (2) Recommend policy and budgetary matters to the  
 21 professional licensing agency.

22 (3) Screen applicants on evidence of an applicant's  
 23 professional competency and determine whether an applicant  
 24 for:

25 (A) a license;

26 (B) renewal of a license; or

27 (C) reinstatement of a license;

28 should be approved.

29 (4) Establish standards of supervision for students or  
 30 individuals in training to be qualified to obtain a license under  
 31 this article.

32 Sec. 11. Fees collected by the board shall be received and  
 33 accounted for by the board and be deposited in the state general  
 34 fund.

35 Sec. 12. The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 that are  
 36 consistent with this article and reasonably required for the conduct  
 37 of the board's responsibilities and duties.

#### 38 Chapter 4. Unlawful Practices

39 Sec. 1. An individual who does not have a valid license or  
 40 temporary license as a genetic counselor under this article may not  
 41 use the title "genetic counselor", "licensed genetic counselor", or  
 42 any word, letter, abbreviation, or insignia that indicates or implies

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1 that the individual has been issued a license or met the  
2 qualifications for licensure under this article.

3 **Sec. 2. (a) If the board believes that an individual or a business**  
4 **has engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice that**  
5 **constitutes or will constitute a violation of section 1 of this chapter,**  
6 **the board may apply to a circuit or superior court for an order**  
7 **enjoining the act or practice.**

8 **(b) If the board determines that the individual or a business has**  
9 **engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice that constitutes**  
10 **or will constitute a violation of section 1 of this chapter, an**  
11 **injunction, a restraining order, or another appropriate order may**  
12 **be granted by the court.**

13 **Sec. 3. If the board believes that an individual or a business has**  
14 **knowingly engaged in an act or practice that violates section 1 of**  
15 **this chapter, the board may bring its information to the attention**  
16 **of the attorney general, who may cause criminal proceedings to be**  
17 **brought against the individual or business.**

18 **Sec. 4. An individual or a business who knowingly violates this**  
19 **chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.**

20 **SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) As used in this**  
21 **SECTION, "board" refers to the genetic counselors licensing**  
22 **board established by IC 25-22.3-3-1, as added by this act.**

23 **(b) The governor shall make the initial appointments to the**  
24 **board not later than January 1, 2008. In making an initial**  
25 **appointment, the governor shall indicate the length of the term for**  
26 **which the individual is appointed under subsection (c).**

27 **(c) The initial terms of office for the five (5) individuals**  
28 **appointed to the board by the governor are as follows:**

29 **(1) Two (2) members for a term of four (4) years.**

30 **(2) Two (2) members for a term of three (3) years.**

31 **(3) One (1) member for a term of two (2) years.**

32 **(d) Members who are initially appointed to the board are not**  
33 **required to be licensed but must meet the requirements for**  
34 **licensure under IC 25-22.3-2, as added by this act.**

35 **(e) The initial term of office for the members of the board begins**  
36 **January 1, 2008.**

37 **(f) This SECTION expires December 31, 2009.**

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